

Rebalancing Workgroup MFP and BIP
MDH L-3 12noon-2pm
December 6, 2017

Introductions: In Person and Phone

Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates

- I. Waiver Registry Screen (Ernest Le)
 - a. The waiver registry currently stands at 21,900
 - b. Between the Schaefer Center and MAP, 12,000 have been screened
 - c. MFP and the Community Integrations Program are working with the Vital Statistics Administration to match the Waiver Registry against MDH's death records, which resulted in over 2,000 matches. Many of the matches are not exact (i.e.: difference in spelling or typographic errors), staff are reviewing each record prior to deactivation.
 - d. Results from level one screens completed for individuals on the waiver registry were presented (slides attached).

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates

- I. Discussion: Transition of MFP Activities (Jennifer Miles)
 - a. Secretary Dennis Schrader (MDH), Secretary Rona Kramer (MDoA), and Deputy Assistant Secretary John Brennan (MDOD) were present; Secretary Carol Beatty (MDOD) participated by phone. Secretaries from the three departments discussed the interdepartmental coordination underway to evaluate and plan for the sustainability of MFP activities prior to the demonstration ending. A workgroup has been created and additional updates will be provided as the work group progresses.
 - b. Stakeholders from Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and advocates provided comments on the Peer Outreach and Options Counseling services that were created through the demonstration grant. Comments centered on the impact the services have on educating individuals, family, and nursing facilities of available community programs.
 - c. Peer Outreach
 - i. Establishes relationships with nursing facility residents and staff, as well as family and resident council.
 - ii. Be an on-going presence in the facilities in order to share personal experiences with community living, provide support to individuals and their guardians throughout the decision-making and transition process, and describe how the basic process of transitioning works.

- d. Options Counseling
 - i. Is an in person educational meeting to inform the person (and any family or other reps at their request) of available community programs.
 - ii. The 19 local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the local Centers for Independent Living (CILs) provide options counseling to nursing facility residents that indicate an interest in community living.
- II. Hilltop Presentation (Ian Stockwell)
 - a. Slides are attached (see attachments)
 - b. A deeper analysis of the acuity mix of MFP transitions vs other transitions vs the general NF population was presented based on feedback from last month's meeting. MFP transitions are generally a lower acuity than general NF population.
- III. Community Settings/ Assisted Living Facilities (Lorraine Nawara)
 - a. CMS issued the HCBS Settings Final Rule on January 16, 2014. The final rule lists items HCBS providers must comply with to receive Medicaid payment under federal HCBS waivers.
 - b. MDH's implementation target for full compliance with ALFs is January 2019.
 - iii. Providers completed a self-survey and corrective action plans were sent to bring into compliance.
 - iv. Community Settings team at MDH is completing site visits, educating providers, reviewing resident agreements, and issuing corrective action plans.
 - 1. 187 site visits have been completed. Three providers meet the standards of the rule.
 - 2. A second round of site visits will occur in 2018.
 - 3. After implementation MDH will conduct annual site visits.
 - 4. If a setting is out of compliance a complaint can be filed through the Reportable Event process. Participants receive a copy of the complaint process when they enroll.
 - c. There will be a presentation on getting ALFs in compliance with the HCBS Settings Final Rule at the Community Options Advisory Council meeting January 9, 2018 from 1 pm- 3pm at 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD. The Council is discussing moving ALF from CO waiver to CFC authority once ALFs are in compliance.
- IV. MFP Updates/ Transitions (Jennifer Miles)
 - a. Staffing:
 - 1. Health Policy Analyst I (Behavioral Health Specialist): Interviews have ended and we are submitting paperwork to HR for hiring

2. Medical Care Program Specialist II (Quality and Compliance Specialist):
Interviews are currently being conducted

b. Transitions

1. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, MFP has transitioned a total of 2,935 (as of December 5, 2017)
2. Benchmark for CY2017 (January-December 2017) is 341 transitions. In order to reach the 85% threshold, we have to transition 290 individuals by December 31, 2017.
3. Provided spreadsheet of 2016 vs. 2017 transitions

V. Housing Updates (Khadija Ali)

a. MDH Activities

- i. Mandi Jackson started as the MFP Housing Specialist on November 8, 2017.
- ii. Rebecca and Khadija are providing technical assistance to supports planners assisting individuals referred to the MFP Bridge Subsidy program and Section 811 PRA.

b. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)

- i. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from MDH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
- ii. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to meet quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates. **Next meeting: 1/11/18 1:30-3:30 pm at The Coordinating Center, 8531 Veterans Hwy, Millersville, MD 21108.**

A. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration

- i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and under 62 at time of lease signing.
 1. Identified projects:
 - a. Anne Arundel County
 - i. Berger Square- 8 units – **Leased**
 - ii. Towne Courts- 6 units
 - b. Baltimore City-
 - i. Warwick Apartments- 12 units, Under construction
 - ii. Riviera Apartments- 5 units, Under construction
 - iii. Walbrook Mill- 10 units, Under construction
 - iv. Greenmount & Chase- 9 units
 - v. East Baltimore Historic- 2 units, Under construction
 - c. Baltimore County-
 - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
 - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units- Under construction
 - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units- Under construction
 - d. Calvert County- Calvert Hills East- 9 units

- e. Frederick City
 - i. Sinclair Way- 11 units- **Leased**
 - ii. 520 N. Market St.- 5 units – Under construction.
- f. Harford County
 - i. Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- **Leased**
 - ii. Rock Spring Station- 9 units
- g. Montgomery County
 - i. Woodfield Commons- 13 units, Under Construction
 - ii. Scotland Townhomes- 5 units
- h. Prince George's County
 - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- **Leased**
 - ii. Brinkley Hill- 5 units- Under construction- leasing Decemeber 2017
 - iii. Parkview Manor- 6 units
- i. Queen Anne's County
 - i. Willows at Centerville- 5 units
 - ii. Village at Slippery Hill- 5 units
- j. St. Mary's County- Patuxent Crossing- 5 units
- k. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units- Under construction.
- l. Washington County- Hopewell Station- 5 units
- m. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units- Under construction- Referring Now.

B. Weinberg Apartments

- i. Brinkley Hill in Prince George's County -3 units- Under construction. Leasing December 2017.
- ii. Heritage Overlook in Anne Arundel County- 3 units- Under construction.- Referring now
- iii. Preserve at Red Run in Baltimore County- 2 units- Under construction.
- iv. Woodfield Commons in Montgomery County- 2 units- Under construction.

C. MFP Bridge Subsidy

- i. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals transitioning from qualified institutions or individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver who are transitioning from ALUs. Eligible applicants must be 18 and older with a maximum household income of \$19,000.
- ii. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.

1. The program is open in Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George's County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15 commitments), Harford County (5 commitments), Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary's County (5 commitments), and Easton (5 commitments), Howard County (5 commitments), Baltimore County (10 commitments), and Montgomery County (10 project-based units)
 2. **Subsidies are still available for following jurisdictions, referrals are needed: DHCD (Western MD and Eastern Shore), Hagerstown, Harford County, Howard County, St. Mary's County, and Easton.**
- iii. Additional information
1. 71 applicants have been referred to the Public Housing Authorities
 2. 19 of the applicants have been housed and 4 applicants are pending move- in
 3. 25 applicants are pending approval from the Public Housing Authority
 4. 27 applicants are approved to search for housing

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 3, 2018** from 12-2 in room L-3.*